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LB 665

SENATOR DeCAMP: I don't feel we do unless somebody wants to here. As far as I am concerned, we have introduced the bill. It is a Banking Committee bill. The Rules, of course, follow the standards there and the additional people (Interruption.)

PRESIDENT: I don't think you have presented an issue for me to rule on, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I will withdraw the next motion. We have not the bill introduced and (Interruption.)

PRESIDENT: Okay. That is fine. It is withdrawn. And the bill is introduced then, and whatever consequences will follow, will follow. All right. Yes, read it now. He did. Go ahead and read the title.

CLERK: LB 665 - read title.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KOCH: A question of the Chair, Mr. President. Did we decide that those of us who signed in addition to the members of the committee that this would count against us as a bill this term?

PRESIDENT: No, that has not been decided.

SENATOR KOCH: If it is not decided, then I wish to withdraw my name because I cannot afford an additional bill.

PRESIDENT: I think that is appropriate because you were under the impression that both of these matters were going to be resolved by action.

SENATOR KOCH: I was. I was, and until it is resolved, I will ask that my name be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: All right. Your name is withdrawn. Senator Barnett, for what purpose do you ask recognition?

SENATOR BARNETT: I guess for a point of clarification of the Chair or to challenge something or to check out with him what is going on, as far as, I would like to ask the question, is it up to the Chair now? Is it a committee bill? Does it count against the ten limitation of each senator on there? I am asking the Chair for a ruling. I refer to section 5, sub (d) of Rule 5, to help maybe in the debate.

PRESIDENT: I don't know that it is appropriate for the Chair to make anticipatory rulings. That matter is not before us now. You are asking my opinion and my advice. We do not have that case. I think it is much more appropriate, and I am afraid I have to say this because it would be true in many, many other instances, that if a Senator who signs this later comes in with ten more bills and you object to it, then I would rule on it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Because that case would be before me, but I will give you a curbstone opinion after the session which is worth nothing.

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